

Definitions for Life Safety and Property Protection Licensing

§1664.3. Definitions

As used in this Subpart, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section:

- (1) "Apprentice"** means a person who is licensed to work under the direct supervision and accompaniment of a technician who is licensed to the same firm and holding a valid license to perform the same acts.
- (2) "Bank-locking specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, sell, and service mechanical and or electric locks within the confines of a bank, credit union, or other financial institution.
- (3) "Board"** means the Louisiana Life Safety and Property Protection Advisory Board.
- (4) "Certify"** means to attest to the proper functionality, inspection, installation, integration, and service of life safety and property protection systems and equipment in accordance with all applicable engineered specifications, manufacturers specifications, submitted plans and per the inspection, testing, and maintenance chapters as set forth in the applicable NFPA codes and standards.
- (5) "Closed circuit television alarm system"** means a system that provides video surveillance of events, primarily by means of transmission, recording, or transmission and recording of visual signals through the use of cameras, receivers, monitors, computer, and other visual imaging systems. Closed circuit television alarm systems are a subclassification of security.
- (6) "Closed circuit television alarm specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, sell, and service closed circuit television alarm systems.
- (7) "Designated agent"** means an owner or a manager of an alarm contracting company or single station fire alarm contracting company, a locksmithing services company, or closed circuit television alarm system contracting company who has been assigned the responsibility of submitting any notice required by this Subpart to the fire marshal.
- (8) "Detention locking specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service locks and locking systems within the confines of a penal institution only.
- (9) "Direct supervision"** means oversight of a firm's operations by a qualifier or onsite supervision by a licensed technician or specialist of an apprentice or consultant. The technician or specialist can supervise an apprentice or consultant only in areas he is licensed to perform. Both the technician and apprentice must be licensed to the same firm.
- (10) "Door hardware specialist"** means an individual who consults and provides technical advice regarding selection of mechanical locking devices and consults and provides technical advice regarding selection of electrical or electronic locking devices for controlled access to premises, safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines, or other devices.
- (11) "DOT"** means the United States Department of Transportation.
- (12) "DOT hydrostatic testing specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, and service fire protection cylinders by approved hydrostatic methods and in accordance with NFPA codes and the United States Department of Transportation.

- (13) **"Employee"** means a person who performs services for wages or salary.
- (14) **"Engineered fire suppression system"** means fire suppression systems individually integrated or altered in accordance with nationally recognized fire protection system design standards and manufacturer's guidelines.
- (15) **"Fire detection and alarm systems"** means those assemblies of wiring, electronic transmitting devices, detection devices, and related equipment for the detection of products of combustion or flammable gases, heat and for alerting occupants, including fire department personnel, of a fire emergency.
- (16) **"Fire detection and alarm system owner specialist"** means an individual who is employed by the owner of a fire detection and alarm system and who is licensed only to perform routine inspection and minor service and repair of fire detection and alarm systems within his employer facilities.
- (17) **"Fire detection and alarm system specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service nonrequired fire detection and alarm systems.
- (18) **"Fire detection and alarm system technician"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service both required and nonrequired fire detection and alarm systems.
- (19) **"Fire hose"** means a flexible conduit used to convey water.
- (20) **"Fire protection systems and equipment"** means those life safety and property loss systems, whether commercial or residential, intended to protect a structure's occupants or property from the risk and dangers of fire or explosion. Fire protection systems and equipment include but are not limited to portable fire extinguishers, fire detection and alarm systems, fire suppression systems, fire hoses, kitchen hood, and duct installation and cleaning. However, the term "fire protection system and equipment" shall not include a single station smoke or heat detector installed in a private residence by a fire department, the fire marshal, a public agency, a volunteer association, or their designated representatives where no compensation is received for such installation.
- (21) **"Fire sprinkler systems and equipment"** means those life safety systems intended to protect a structure's occupants or property from the risk and dangers of fire or explosion. Fire sprinkler systems and equipment include but are not limited to water-based fire protection systems, fire pumps, standpipe systems, and hose stations.
- (22) **"Fire sprinkler systems and equipment inspector"** means an individual licensed to certify and inspect water-based fire protection systems, fire pumps, standpipe systems, fire hoses, and hose stations.
- (23) **"Firm"** means a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or any other entity.
- (24) **"Firm license"** means that document authorizing a firm to perform life safety and property protection contracting for those endorsements held.
- (25) **"Fixed fire suppression systems"** means those assemblies of piping, conduits, or containers that convey liquid, powder, or gases to dispersal openings or devices protecting one or more hazards by suppressing or extinguishing fires, but shall not include fire sprinkler systems, as defined in this Subpart.
- (26) **"Fixed fire suppression systems technician"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service fixed fire suppression systems.

(27) **"General endorsement"** means a broad category of license authorizing it's holder to perform multiple aspects of life safety and property protection contracting.

(28) **"Household fire warning system"** means a fire alarm, fire alarm system, or portion of such an alarm or system intended to detect or warn of smoke or fire and intended for use in a residential one- or two-family dwelling or wholly within the confines of an individual living unit in a residential multifamily structure.

(29) **"Household fire warning system specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service household fire warning systems.

(30) **"DOT hydrostatic testing"** means pressure testing fire protection cylinders by approved hydrostatic methods and in accordance with NFPA codes and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

(31) **"Individual license"** means that document authorizing an individual to perform life safety and property protection contracting for those endorsements held.

(32) **"Inspect"** means a visual examination of life safety and property protection systems or equipment to verify that it appears to be in operating condition and is free of physical damage.

(33) **"Install"** means the initial placement of life safety and property protection systems or equipment or an extension of such after initial placement.

(34) **"Intrusion alarm"** or **"intrusion alarm system"** means an alarm, alarm system, or portion of such an alarm or system intended to detect an unauthorized entry or other emergency, not including a fire, in a structure.

(35) **"Integrate"** means the act of utilizing accepted and approved life safety and property protection systems or equipment and components in accordance with manufacturers' direction to develop a unified and functioning system meeting applicable NFPA codes and standards.

(36) **"Kitchen suppression specialist"** means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service pre-engineered fire suppression systems protecting kitchen appliances.

(37) **"Life safety and property protection contracting"** means performing certification, inspection, installation, integration, sale, or service of mechanical locking, special locking, security, fire sprinkler, fire alarm, fire suppression, or other fire systems and equipment. Life safety contracting includes but is not limited to the sale, lease, rent, planning with the intent to prewire, rewiring, hydrostatic testing, maintenance, repair, testing, modification, improvement, or alteration of life safety systems and equipment; holding oneself or one's firm out for hire to perform any such task; or otherwise offering to perform any such task for compensation, either directly or indirectly. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subpart, no person licensed under this Subpart may install primary power sources of one hundred volts or greater when such power source is being installed to operate low voltage systems unless licensed by the State Licensing Board for Contractors to perform such installations.

(38) **"Limited locksmith specialist"** means an individual who sells, repairs, rebuilds, recodes, services, adjusts, installs, manipulates, or bypasses a mechanical locking device for safeguarding areas. The term does not include special locking systems or closed circuit television alarm systems.

(39) **"Locksmith technician"** means an individual who sells, repairs, rebuilds, recodes, services, adjusts, installs, manipulates, or bypasses a special locking system, mechanical

locking device or electrical locking devices for controlled access or egress to premises, safes, vaults, safe doors, lock boxes, automatic teller machines, or other devices for safeguarding areas or certifies, inspects, installs, integrates, sells and services closed circuit television alarm systems.

(40) "Mechanical locks" means a mechanical device or door hardware intended to control access or egress to or from a structure or area.

(41) "NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association.

(42) "Officer" means the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, comptroller, or any other person who performs functions for an alarm contracting company or single station fire alarm contracting company, a locksmithing services company or closed circuit television alarm system contracting company corresponding to those performed by those officers.

(43) "Operating location" means a physical address that houses an entity that performs life safety and property protection contracting.

(44) "Person" means a natural person or individual.

(45) "Portable fire extinguisher" means any portable device that contains liquid, powder, or gases for suppressing or extinguishing fires.

(46) "Portable fire extinguisher and fire hose technician" means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, and service portable fire extinguishers and fire hoses.

(47) "Pre-engineered fire suppression specialist" means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, and service pre-engineered fire suppression systems.

(48) "Pre-engineered fire suppression system" means packaged fire suppression systems which consist of system components intended to be installed according to pre-tested limitations as approved or listed by a testing laboratory.

(49) "Principal" means a person or entity that owns at least five percent of a life safety and property protection contracting firm regardless of the form of organization.

"Principal" includes a person or entity entitled to exercise the prerogatives or indicia of ownership or control of a life safety and property protection contracting firm whether by direct action, assignment, or any other kind of substitution or subrogation, to the extent that such person or entity would be entitled to receive at least five percent of the remaining assets of the life safety and property protection contracting firm upon dissolution. "Principal" includes, if the entity is a partnership, each partner, including any general or limited partner. "Principal" includes, if the entity is organized as a corporation, any person or entity who owns or controls five percent or more of the total aggregate number of shares of all types of stock issued by a life safety and property protection contracting firm organized as a corporation or shares of a corporation that owns or controls a life safety and property protection contracting firm. "Principal" includes any member if the entity is organized as a limited liability company.

(50) "Property protection systems and equipment" means those life safety and property protection systems intended to protect lives and property from the risk of theft, unauthorized entry, or other physical harm to a structure's occupants or property. Security systems and equipment include, but are not limited to intrusion alarms, closed circuit television, mechanical locks, and electronic locks.

(51) "Qualifier" means a person who possesses the appropriate training or experience credentials enabling a firm to obtain a life safety and property protection license. A qualifier must be a paid employee of the firm for which he qualifies and work a minimum

of thirty-two hours per week. A qualifier must provide direct supervision of a firm's operations for which he qualifies. An individual may only qualify one firm.

(52) "Security sales technician" means an individual licensed to sell or specify security systems and equipment.

(53) "Security systems and equipment" means those life safety and property protection systems intended to protect lives and property from the risk of theft, unauthorized entry, or other physical harm to a structure's occupants or property. Security systems and equipment include but are not limited to intrusion alarms, closed circuit television, household fire alarm, and special locking systems.

(54) "Security technician" means an individual licensed to certify, inspect, install, integrate, sell, and service security systems and equipment or special locking systems.

(55) "Sell" means to solicit another on behalf of a property protection firm by any means, including but not limited to telephone or electronic device, public notice or advertisement, door-to-door or any other type of personal interaction.

(56) "Service" means to repair or maintain.

(57) "Specialist" means an individual who is trained and certified to perform life safety and property protection contracting within a specific endorsement.

(58) "Special locking systems" means an electro-mechanical lock, electronic lock, or electronic locking arrangement intended to control access or egress to a structure or area.

(59) "Specialty endorsement" means a narrow category of license authorizing its holder to perform only one aspect of life safety and property protection contracting.

(60) "Technical endorsement" means a broad category of license authorizing its holder to perform multiple aspects of life safety and property protection contracting within a certain endorsement.

(61) "Technician" means an individual who is trained and certified to perform life safety and property protection contracting within a technical endorsement.